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# 12 East Main Street ERVING, MASSACHUSETTS 01344

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# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss.

Town of Erving Constables: In the name of the Commonwealth, you are directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Senior & Community Center located at 1 Care Drive, Erving, MA on

### Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM,

then and there to vote on the following articles in the Warrant:

#### **CAPITAL ARTICLES**

#### ARTICLE 1: TRANSFER FOR SPEED MONITORING EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing Safety Speed Monitoring Equipment for Church Street and North Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Police Chief

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: This request is submitted by the Police Department to allow for the purchase of three (3) LED solar powered RADAR signs to alert motorists of their speed. The signs would be installed on Church and North Streets to address concerns of speeding with increased traffic. Traffic counts on Church Street, conducted by FRCOG, show an average of 1,264 vehicles per day. Between January 1, 2016 and September 14, 2016 Erving Police Department issued 258 citations for speeding in this area.

#### ARTICLE 2: TRANSFER FOR ELECTION EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing voting check-in devices and related equipment and training, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Town Clerk
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: The requested equipment would allow for quicker and more accurate check in at the polls and town meetings. Moreover it will automate much of the post voting work that is currently done manually.



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#### ARTICLE 3: TRANSFER FOR IP MILL SITE CLEAN UP

To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of Hazardous Materials cleanup at the former IP Mill Site, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: The Town is preparing for the redevelopment of the former IP Mill site. Hazardous materials have been identified at the site and require abatement before reuse can occur. It is estimated that the abatement will cost approximately \$200,000. The Town is applying for a Brownfields cleanup Grant for \$200,000 that requires the Town to match at least 20%. This appropriation would provide the Town with more than the minimum match if the grant is approved, or would be a starting appropriation for cleanup activities if the grant is not approved.

#### ARTICLE 4: TRANSFER FOR TOWN HALL SIDING

To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$60,000.00) into account number 01-192-917-57800 for the purpose of repairing and replacing the siding on Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: Previously \$90,000 had been appropriated at Town Meeting for the residing of Town Hall. The project was put to bid and all responses exceeded the appropriation. This request would be added to the existing appropriation and allow the Town to rebid the project.

#### ARTICLE 5: TRANSFER FOR OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$20,750.00) for the purpose of Updating the Erving Open Space and Recreation Plan, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Planning Board

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: The Town's current Open Space and Recreation Plan expires in January 2017. FRCOG has provide the Town with a proposal to update the plan. Once updated and approved by the State it lasts for seven (7) years.



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#### ARTICLE 6: TRANSFER FOR IP MILL SITE FEASABILITY STUDY

To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) into account number 01-192-915-57800 for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study of the IP Mill property, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: The Town has been working on the redevelopment options for the former IP Mill Site. Town has been approached by several businesses who are looking for light industrial space to expand. This request will fund a feasibility study for a light industrial reuse of the property.

#### ARTICLE 7: TRANSFER FOR CARE DRIVE LAYOUT AND ACCEPTANCE

To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$2,000.00) for the purpose of formalizing the layout of Care Drive and accepting as a public way, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: When Care Drive was developed for the Senior & Community Center it was not formally recorded with a layout and as a public way. The meets and bounds need to be identified and marked so that it can be accepted as a public way at Town Meeting and recorded with the Registry of Deeds. The requested funding will allow the Town to complete this work.

#### FINANCIAL ARTICLES

#### ARTICLE 8: TRANSFER FOR FY 2016 POTW #1 EXPENSES

To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash the sum of Fourteen Thousand, Four Hundred Forty-eight Dollars and Eight Cents (\$14,448.08) for the purpose of paying Fiscal Year 2016 Invoices for POTW#1 Lighting Upgrades, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: POTW Chief Operator

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: The Wastewater Department upgraded the lighting at POTW#1 to LED fixtures to help reduce the Town's energy consumption. The invoices are dated prior to June 30, 2016 but were received after July 1, 2016. Approval for expenditures in a previous fiscal year require 9/10 approval at Special Town Meeting per MGL Chapter 44 Section 64.



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#### ARTICLE 9: TRANSFER SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from 01-429-910-57800 Highway Utility Truck & Plow fund the sum of Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Four Dollars and No Cents (\$4,804.00) for the purpose of purchasing a Fisher Sander, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Highway Foreman

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: This request is to repurpose the remaining funds from the purchase of a new highway truck and plow for the purchase of a sander. The sander will be used with the new truck.

#### ARTICLE 10: TRANSFER FOR FY 2016 EXPENSES

To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash the sum of Nine Hundred Ninety-three Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$993.19) for the purpose of paying Fiscal Year 2016 invoices for various Town office expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Administrative Coordinator FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: Town offices share an account with Staples. The account showed a due balance, but did not articulate what invoices and transaction dates were outstanding. After working with Staples this fall a statement of outstanding invoices was provided and they identify invoices from the May 2016 billing cycle as being due. Approval for expenditures in a previous fiscal year require 9/10 approval at Special Town Meeting per MGL Chapter 44 Section 64.

#### ARTICLE 11: TRANSFER FOR POTW #1 LOAN SERVICE ADMINSTRATIVE FEES

To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings the sum of Four Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-five Dollars and No Cents (\$4,525.00) into account 60-751-201-57800 for the purpose of paying the Fiscal Year 2017 administrative fee expenses for the POTW#1 loan, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Administrative Coordinator FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: In the FY 2017 Wastewater Enterprise Fund budget, the required loan administration fee was not appropriated. This request will provide the necessary funding for this expense.



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Constables... In addition, you are hereby directed to serve the above warrant and to post attested copies as directed by vote of the Town at least fourteen (14) days before said meeting. Fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk for the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this <u>33<sup>rd</sup></u> day of <u>Junuary</u> 2017.

Jacob Smith, Chairman

William Bembury

Scott Bastarache

Erving Board of Selectmen



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I have served the above warrant by posting up attested copies, as directed by vote of the Town, at least fourteen (14) days before time of holding said meeting.

Date

Erving Constable